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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: CAMEROON SUGAR

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1. WESTERN STATES MACHINE COMPANY MANUFACTURERS OF CENTRIFUGALS FOR THE SUGAR INDUSTRY INQUIRED OF MAJOR PROJECTS DIVISION AS TO THE CURRENT OUTLOOK FOR NEW SUGAR MILLS IN CAMEROON. THEIR INQUIRY WAS BASED ON SOME INFORMATION WE HAD EXTRACTED FROM REFAIR B IN WHICH IT WAS MENTIONED THAT A 50,000 METRIC TON SUGAR COMPLEX WOULD BE BUILT AND OPERATING IN CAMEROON BY 1978. AT THAT TIME, IT WAS STATED THAT GURC WAS DISILLUSIONED WITH FRENCH MANAGEMENT AND MIGHT BE LOOKING ELSEWHERE.

2. WE WERE ABLE TO RESPOND TO WESTERN STATES' INQUIRY REGARDING THE FUTURE BY GIVING THE GENERAL INFO IN REFTTEL A. HOWEVER, WESTERN STATES WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER THE SUGAR PROCESSING FACILITY STATED TO BE STARTING UP NEXT

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YEAR IS THE SAME ONE DESCRIBED IN REFAIR B AND IF SO, WHO

RECEIVED THE ENGINEERING AND MANAGING CONTRACT FOR THAT FACILITY.

3. COMMERCE IS VERY INTERESTED IN BEING KEPT UP TO DATE BY EMBASSY ON ALL AGRIBUSINESS PROJECTS AND WOULD HOPE THAT WITH EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE WE COULD BE AS GOOD A SOURCE OF INFORMATION AS OPIC AND EXIM (SEE LOST SENTENCE REFTEL A. ROBINSON

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